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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Comptroller

SUBJECT

Accrual of Unrecorded Costs

the transfer of the control of the c

REFERENCE

Memorandum from Task Group on the above

subject, dated 27 February 1959

- 1. This Staff has no specific comments to offer on contents of the reference. It is suggested, however, that before making a decision to accrue or not to accrue a given cost, one of the factors to be considered should be the relationship of the amount of the accrual to (1) the total value of the goods or services consumed during the reporting period and (2) to the amount of the goods or services consumed by individual cost centers during the period. The foregoing may be clarified by the following illustrations:
 - a. The normal monthly accrual for salary expense might represent 50% to 60% of the normal monthly salary expense;
 - b. The monthly accrual for air support might be 100% of the normal monthly cost of air support because of the delay in receiving and processing the billings for air support;
 - c. The amount of the normal monthly accrual for a given service might represent only 5% or 10% of the overall normal monthly cost of the service but as it affects some individual cost centers the accrual might represent a much larger percentage of their costs.

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